Price control on imported drugs

2216. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has brought 26 drugs under price control which are being imported in the country;

(b) what are the names of drugs which are being produced as well as imported in the country;

(c) what are the names of producers and what was the production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) what is the indigenous price of each and what price was communicated by each before the drugs were brought under price control;

(e) whether it is a fact that CIF Prices of all the drugs went up substantially after 1987 when these drugs were price decontrolled;

(f) whether it is a fact that most of the imports are over-invoiced; and

(g) what was CIF Price of each drug imported during 1986-87 and what is their present price?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) and (g) The requisite information to the extent available is given in the annexed statement. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 76].

(f) Out of the 26 bulk drugs brought under price control, one instance of over invoicing has come to the notice of the Government on which appropriate action has been taken.

Institutional arrangements for drug Prices Equalisation Accounts

2217. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Price Equalisation Account exists in several industries such as Aluminium Steel, Fertilizer, etc.

(b) whether it is also a fact that institutional arrangements have been developed in such cases to operate these accounts;

(c) whether it is a fact that under 1978 Drug Policy the creation of a separate post of Development Commissioner (Drugs) was suggested;

(d) whether it is a fact that such an arrangement was not developed;

(e) whether it is a fact that due to abolition of Drugs Equalisation Account the interest of consumer and bulk drugs producers suffer;

(f) whether his Ministry is considering such an account under the review of policy; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Price Equalisation Accounts exist under certain orders issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 like Iron and Steel (Control) Order, Aluminium Control Order etc.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir. Initially a separate incumbent was appointed to man the post of Development Commissioner (Drugs) but